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Grants Alert – February 2007

The Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS): Announces the availability of funding under the 21st Century Museum Professionals (21MP) program. The purpose of this program is to increase the capacity of museums to connect people to information and ideas by improving the knowledge and skills of museum staff in the full range of museum operations. The 21MP program supports a range of activities, including professional training in all areas of museum operations and leadership development. Project design could include direct dissemination of information through workshops, seminars, and courses, or indirect communication through publications and Web sites. All types of museums, large and small, are eligible for funding. Deadline: March 15, 2007. For further information contact: Christopher J. Reich, Senior Program Officer, Phone: 202-653-4685 E-mail creich@imls.gov

Department of Justice (DOJ): The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) announces the availability of grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus Program. The primary purpose of the Campus Program is to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking on campuses. The Campus Program also aims to strengthen security and investigative strategies to prevent and prosecute these crimes on campuses. Eligibility: Institutions of higher education, consortium or flagship of higher education institutions, faith-based and community organizations. All applicants who intend to apply for funding are encouraged to submit a non-binding letter of intent to OVW by February 8, 2007 (see http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/docs/sample_letter_of_intent.pdf). You may send the letter to OVW at ovw.campus@usdoj.gov. Applicants should also register with the *Grants.gov* registration. The deadline for registration is February 22, 2007. Registering with *Grants.gov* is a one-time process; however, if you are a first-time registrant, it could take up to several weeks to have your registration validated and confirmed and to receive your user password. Deadline: March 08, 2007. For more information contact the OVW at (202)307-6026.

Department of Education: Announces the availability of grants to Prevent High-Risk Drinking or Violent Behavior among college students provides awards to develop or enhance, implement, and evaluate campus – and community-based to prevent high-risk drinking or violent behavior among college students. Eligibility: Institutions of higher education, consortia thereof, public and private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, and individuals. Deadline: February 20, 2007. For more information contact: Richard Lucey, Jr., U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3E335, Washington, DC 20202–6450. Telephone: (202) 205–5471 or by E-mail richard.lucey@ed.gov.

Department of Education: Announces the availability of funding to support local efforts to enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool age children especially those from low-income families, through strategies, materials, and professional development that are grounded in scientifically based reading research. Under this competition, eligible applicants are (a) one or more local educational agencies (LEAs) that are eligible to receive a subgrant under the Reading First program (Title I, Part B, Subpart 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA)); (b) one or more public or private organizations or agencies (including faith-based organizations) located in a community served by an eligible LEA; or (c) one or more eligible LEAs, applying in collaboration with one or more eligible organizations or agencies. Transmittal of Pre-Applications: February 21, 2007. Deadline for Transmittal of Full Applications: May 29, 2007. For more information contact: Pilla Parker, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3C136, Washington, DC 20202-6132. Telephone: (202) 260-3710 or by E-mail Pilla.Parker@ed.gov.

National Endowment for the Arts: Announces the availability of funding for art projects that may consist of one or more specific events or activities; it may also be a part of an applicant's regular season or activities. Organizations that undertake a single short-term project in a year -- a ten-day jazz festival, for example -- could apply for that event, or they could identify certain components (such as the presentation of a key artist and the associated activities) as their project. Describe the activities for which Arts Endowment support is requested, and provide specific information on the artists, productions, venues, distribution plans, etc., that will be involved. Organizations may apply for any or all phases of a project, from its planning through its implementation. A project does not have to be new. Excellent existing projects can be just as competitive as new activities. Projects do not need to be large. The Arts Endowment welcomes small projects that can make a difference in a community or field. Eligibility: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment. To be eligible, the applicant organization must: Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements." Deadline: Aug 13, 2007. For further information visit the Endowment's website at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

National Endowment for the Arts: Announces the availability of funding under the Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth program. This program offers funding for projects that help children and youth acquire knowledge and understanding of and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art. Eligibility: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment. To be eligible, the applicant organization must: Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements." Deadline: Jun 11, 2007. For further information visit the Endowment's website at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

National Endowment for the Arts: Announces the availability of funding under the Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants. These grants offer support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Eligibility: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government may apply. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the goals of the Arts Endowment. To be eligible, the applicant organization must: Meet the Arts Endowment's "Legal Requirements." Deadline: Jun 01, 2007. For further information visit the Endowment's website at <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR): DHCR has announced the availability of a tax credit under the Low-Income Housing Credit Program (LIHC). Eligibility: Persons and firms that construct and/or rehabilitate rental housing that is reserved for low-income households may apply for LIHC. Deadline: February 26, 2007. For more information: Contact a DHCR Regional Office: New York City Regional Office, 25 Beaver Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10004; phone (212) 480-7644.

NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR): DHCR has announced the availability of funding for site-specific projects funded under the HOME and/or the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Programs, and the Homes for Working Families (HWF) Program; and locally administered programs funded under the New York State HOME Program (HOME), the Residential Emergency Services to Offer Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE) Program, the New York Main Street Program, and the Access to Home Program. Applications for site-specific projects are available at DHCR Regional Offices (listed below) and at www.dhcr.state.ny.us. Applications for locally administered programs must be submitted electronically and are expected to be available on the DHCR web site in December 2006. Eligibility: Persons and firms that construct and/or rehabilitate housing for low income persons or households. Deadline: Applications for HOME and HTF Site-Specific Funding (except seed money requests) must be received by February 26, 2007. Applications for locally administered programs must be received by: March 19, 2007 for RESTORE and Access to Home; March 22, 2007 for HOME; and March 26, 2007 for New York Main Street. For more information please contact a DHCR Regional Office: New York City Regional Office, 25 Beaver Street, 7th Floor, NY, NY 10004; phone (212) 480-7644.

New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS): OCFS is making available a series of grant opportunities to expand the availability of and/or improve the quality of care in regulated child care settings. The specific funding categories include: Child Day Care Center and School Age Start Up and Expansion Programs; Expansion of Hours of Existing Child Day Care Centers and School Age Child Care Programs; Health and Safety Grants; Innovative Programs Initiative and Accreditation Grants. Eligibility: All categories except for the Innovative Programs Initiative are open to not-for-profit and for-profit child day care centers, school age child care programs other not-for-profit organizations and government agencies. The Innovative Programs Initiative category is limited to government and not-for-profit organizations. Deadline: Applications for all program types, except Health and Safety grants \$15,000 and under, will be

accepted on March 16, 2007 and July 14, 2007. Applications may be submitted for Health and Safety grants \$15,000 and under by the 10th of each month ending with submissions on June 10, 2007. For more information contact: Suzanne Sennett, Bureau of Early Childhood Services, 52 Washington Street, N. Building, Room 338, Rensselaer, New York 12144; phone (518) 474-9454.

New York State Department of Health: The Displaced Healthcare Workers Program will allow employees affected by the recommendations of the Berger Commission or other economic factors or trends to receive the necessary job placement, counseling and short-term training necessary to be rehired into the health care system or into other comparable jobs. The program is targeted at workers in less-skilled positions, such as service, clerical, maintenance and security jobs. Unlike their co-workers who are in short supply for posts such as clinical, technical and other patient care areas, these employees are expected to have less access to reemployment opportunities without additional assistance and short-term training. Eligibility: Organizations eligible to apply must be not-for-profit entities, including union training funds, health care facility trade associations, area health education centers, health worker unions, and labor management committees. Grant seekers must have experience in developing and maintaining a jobs data bank and experience in coordinating job counseling, placement, and short term training services for health care workers. Deadline: February 15, 2007. Questions concerning the program and the application deadlines can be submitted in writing to Barry M. Gray, New York State Department of Health, Corning Tower, Room 1084, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12237 or E-mailed to wrkforce@heath.state.ny.us.

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets: Applications are being accepted by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for financial assistance to support the costs of construction, renovation, alteration, rehabilitation, improvement or repair of fairground buildings or facilities used to house and promote agriculture. Eligibility: Agricultural or horticultural corporations and county extension service associations that are eligible to receive premium reimbursements pursuant to section 286 of the Agriculture and Markets Law. Deadline: Applications will be accepted until March 30, 2007. For more information visit the Funding Opportunities section of the Department's web site at www.agmkt.state.ny.us. All questions must be submitted in writing (fax and e-mail will be accepted) by March 15, 2007 to Karen Dybas at NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, 10B Airline Drive, Albany New York 12235 or karen.dybas@agmkt.state.ny.us.

Foundations

William T. Grant Foundation: The William T. Grant Foundation has announced the launch of the Youth Service Improvement Grants program. Grants made through the program will support activities conducted by nonprofit community-based organizations in the New York metropolitan area to improve the quality of services for young people between the ages of 8 and 25. Eligibility: Organizations must have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code and must provide services to youth located in the New York metropolitan area, which is defined as Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester counties in New York state. Deadline: Proposals will be accepted during March

through April, with an application deadline of April 30, 2007. For more information: Call (212) 752-0071; fax (212) 752-1398; E-mail info@wtgrantfdn.org.

Women's Sports Foundation: These awards are designed to get girls to increase exercise and physical activity by inspiring teams to help fight the physical and psychological health risks affecting America's inactive youth. Teams must lead their own team project that will get girls in their communities physically active and submit a detailed essay or a VHS, DVD or CD-ROM telling about the projects. Eligibility: School, amateur, community and/or nonprofit affiliated teams whose members are female, enrolled in 9th - 12th grade and U.S. residents. Deadline: February 16, 2007. For more information visit: www.womenssportsfoundation.org.

The Allstate Foundation: Allstate has partnered with the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Fund to establish the Education and Job Training Assistance Fund. The fund channels small grants to survivors of domestic violence in order to achieve their educational and job-related goals. The fund is intended to help survivors achieve greater independence over their financial lives as well as establish options for themselves in the future. The fund supports career-advancement activities such as professional licenses, workforce tools, and additional job training. Examples include licensing fees; books and supplies for school; job skills training; tuition; requirements for jobs; registration fees; temporary child care so that the applicant can attend school, take a class, or look for employment; public transportation; and rental fees for computer time at a computer center. Eligibility: Any survivor of domestic violence is eligible to apply, although the fund requests that the application be completed by a local domestic violence program or a domestic violence coalition. Domestic violence coalitions and local programs must contact the NNEDV Fund to request an Education and Job Training Fund application form. Deadline: Open. For more information visit: www.nnedvfund.org.

The Getty Foundation: Announces the availability of grants to assist colleges and universities manage and preserve the integrity of their significant historic buildings, sites, and landscapes. Eligibility: Colleges and universities. Deadline: April 10, 2007. For more information visit: www.getty.edu/grants/conservation/.

Google: Announces the availability of its "In-Kind Advertising Services to Nonprofits." This program supports organizations that share the company's philosophy of community service worldwide in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Deadline: Open. For more information visit: www.google.com/grants/.

Jerome Foundation: The Jerome Foundation makes grants to support the creation and production of new artistic works by emerging artists living in the five boroughs of New York City. Funds support periods of travel for the purpose of study, exploration and growth. The program supports such activities as research leading to the creation of new work, the development of collaborations, participation in specific training programs, time for reflection and individualized study, investigating artistic work outside New York City, and dialogue on aesthetic issues. Eligibility: Emerging artists who create new work: music - composers and sound artists; theater - playwrights and creators of performance art and experimental theater; and visual artists. Deadline: February 2, 2007. For more information visit: www.jeromefdn.org/.

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation: The Lowe's foundation has established the Lowe's Toolbox for Education Foundation to empower parents and further encourage their involvement in their children's schools. Eligibility: Any nonprofit K-12 school (including charter, parochial, private, etc.) or parent group (associated with a nonprofit K-12 school) that has a group tax ID number and official 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. Parent groups that do not have 501(c)(3) status should apply through their school. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored. Deadline: October 15, 2006 and February 15, 2007. The program will only be accepting 1,500 applications per grant period. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early to be sure they are considered to receive a grant. For more information visit: www.toolboxforeducation.com.